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report concerning two Soviet military rail shipments leaving and six arriving at Spereenberg between 3 and 9 May 1957. The report gives dates and times of day and the make-up and load of the shipments.

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Miscellaneous Rail Movements in the SPERENBERG Area (3-9 May 57)

1. At 2000 hrs on 3 May 57, a rail transport was unloaded at the SPERENBERG. The transport had arrived from the direction of KÖNIGSWÜSTERHAUSEN and consisted of the following: ~~SECRET~~

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- 1 Field kitchen;
- 8 tracked Prime Movers M 1950;
- 6 AA guns - type not identified as guns were covered with tarpaulin. Each gun was loaded on a flat 12 m in length. The overall length of the gun was approx 10 m. The guns were mounted on 2-axled carriages with double wheels all round. Estimated calibre 120-150 mm.

After being unloaded, the equipment and troops proceeded to the ARTILLERY Barracks at REHAGEN.

2. At 0430 hrs on 5 May 57, a Soviet rail transport as follows passed through SPERENBERG from the direction of JUETERBOG en route for ZOSSEN:

25 x 2-axled rail tankers; 5 x 4-axled rail tankers.

3. (a) During the night of 6/7 May 57, loading commenced of various rail transports at SPERENBERG. Loading of transports continued until 9 May 57. In all cases, empty rolling stock for loading arrived from KÖNIGSWÜSTERHAUSEN. Signals troops fitted each transport with a telephone cable from the rear wagon to the engine. When loading took place in the hours of darkness many street lamps were extinguished.

- (b) The following transports were seen:

- (i) 6 May 57: The following transport was loaded with equipment from the HEEGESEE Camp. It left in the direction of JUETERBOG at 2400 hrs:

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- 7 flats each carrying a tracked amphibian;
- 8 flats each carrying a 6x6 wheeled amphibian.

- (ii) 7 May 57: The following transport was loaded with equipment which arrived by road from the direction of ZOSSEN. The transport left in the direction of JUETERBOG at 1830 hrs:

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- 7 flats each carrying a tracked amphibian;
- 15 flats each carrying a 6x6 wheeled amphibian.

- (iii) 7 May 57: The following transport was loaded with equipment which had arrived in SPERENBERG by road. It left in the direction of JUETERBOG at 1900 hrs:

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- 7 flats each carrying a tracked amphibian;
- 10 flats each carrying a 6x6 wheeled amphibian.

- (iv) 8 May 57: The following transport was loaded with equipment from the HEEGESEE Camp. The transport left in the direction of JUETERBOG at 2400 hrs:

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20 flats each carrying a 6x6 wheeled amphibian;
 4 flats each carrying a [redacted] loaded with barrels of
 petrol;

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2 flats each carrying a [redacted] with a field kitchen.

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- (v) 8 May 57: The following equipment from the REHAGEN barracks was loaded onto 2 transports which left in the direction of JUETERBOG at 2230 and 2300 hrs:

[redacted]

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18 AA guns 85 mm;
 16 AA guns 100 mm;
 20 tracked Prime Movers M 1950;
 16 " " " M 1954;
 4 Searchlights mounted on 4-wheeled carriages;
 5 Predictors;
 4 Power units;

[redacted]

field kitchens;

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4 large closed trailers with double wheels all round.

- (vi) 9 May 57: The following equipment from the engineer unit of the SCHUMKESEE Camp were loaded onto a transport which left in the direction of JUETERBOG at 1500 hrs:

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[redacted] loaded with iron girders and wooden planks
 and sleepers.

- (c) The troops and equipment in these transports were destined to take part in exercises "on the ELBE".

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